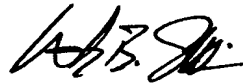


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used (in fact, the Office Action does not suggest what process other than an external magnetic field could be employed). While the Office Action attempts to define the "special patentable features" as the use of external sensors or the use of detection techniques in human bodies, it can be seen that the same procedure and "special patentable feature" is being applied regardless of on what or where the detection techniques are being used. Thus, it is submitted that, under 37 C.F.R. §1.475, the groups of invention set forth in the Requirement for Restriction do not contain different special patentable features and, therefore, that the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he or she is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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